

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF FEBRUARY 17TH, 1931.

The Board of Public Works met at the office of the Governor at Annapolis, February 17th, 1931.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor.
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller,
John M. Dennis, Treasurer.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a communication from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, with copy of letter addressed to that official by the State Auditor, in which it was recommended that a charge of \$20.00 carried on the Commissioner's books against M. D. Smith, Justice of the Peace at Clinton, Prince George's County, for fine imposed August 10, 1925 against James F. Yates, be written off, because the Justice of the Peace was no longer in office and had left the State. The case was said to have been appealed, but that no appeal papers were located.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, authority was granted to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to charge this item from his books.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board, a letter from Hon. Ambrose J. Kennedy, Parole Commissioner, dated December 31, 1931, in which the Board was asked to take the necessary steps to terminate the leases on the offices occupied by the Parole Commissioner in the Morris Building, Baltimore. The Commissioner explained in his letter that the offices were entirely too small for the work of the Department, and that it was desired to secure more space elsewhere.

The Governor stated that he had plans under consideration concerning the Parole Department and that he would give this matter some consideration at the time of considering other things in connection with the Department.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board, a communication from Mr. George B. Junkin, President of Wilson Line Inc., dated February 16th, 1931, in which that corporation made an offer to lease Pier 8, Light Street, Baltimore, the property of the State, for a term of two years, beginning at the expiration of the lease between the State and the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company, which lease the State was notified could not be renewed at its expiration. The Wilson Line Inc. offered to execute a lease on the same terms and conditions as are included in the lease with the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company, for a term of two years beginning May 1, 1931 and ending April 30, 1933, at the annual rental of \$2,000.00, payable in installments of \$1,000.00 each, on May 1st, and November 1st, in advance.

The Board accepted the offer of the Wilson Line Inc., and executed a lease which had been prepared, instructing the Secretary to look after the details of having the lease executed on the part of Wilson Line Inc.

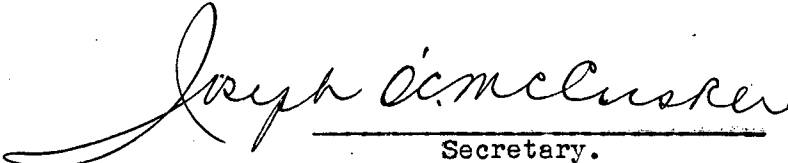
The State Roads Commission presented to the Board, a statement showing a number of accounts being carried on their books which were considered uncollectible. The Board delayed any action in the matter until it could have an opportunity to give more time to consideration of the accounts set forth in the list.

The State Auditor called to the attention of the Board the fact that criticism had been made from time to time by the Board of Fire Underwriters of certain conditions existing at State Institutions which had to do with fire hazards, and which often was the cause of the State paying a higher insurance rate than would be the case if the conditions complained about were remedied. Mr. Dennis suggested that in the future when Institutions submitted to the Board for approval plans and specifications for buildings to be erected or work to be done at Institutions, the said plans and specifications be accompanied by a certificate of the Board of Fire Underwriters setting forth the approval of the Board to the plans, which would forestall any criticism at a

later date and at the same time put the State in the position of securing the best rates on the property.

The Board adopted the suggestion of Mr. Dennis and instructed the Secretary to advise Institutions of this requirement in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.